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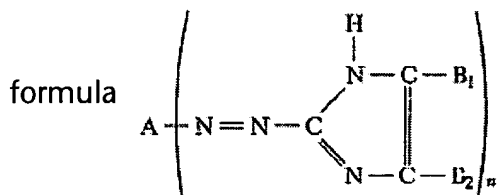
In accordance with 37 CFR 1.56, Applicants wish to call the Examiner's attention to the references cited on the attached forms PTO-1449. A copy of the International Search Report was supplied when this application entered the U.S. national phase, however, a copy of the British Search Report is attached herewith.

The International Search Report indicates that U.S. 5,708,151 is a substantively cumulative English language counterpart of EP 1 219 683.

There are three German references and one article cited that have no U.S. equivalents as well as no abstracts available, we enclose herewith short summaries of each for the Examiner's convenience:

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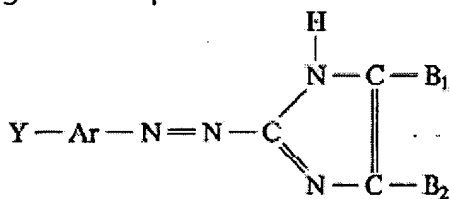
discloses a method for the preparation of azo compounds of



wherein n is 1 or 2, A, if n = 1, A is the monovalent and if n = 2, A is the bivalent radical of an aromatic diazotizable amine or a tetradiazotizable amine, and B₁ and B₂ are hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, aralkyl and/or aryl or are members of a common non-aromatic ring,

which method comprises treating azo compounds which have no sulfonic acid group

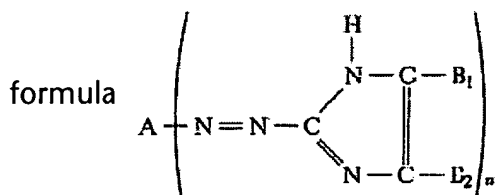
and correspond to the formula



wherein B₁ and B₂ have the above defined meaning, Ar is an optionally substituted o- or p-aryl radical of benzene or naphthalene, and Y is a substituent which may be separated, with alkylating agents and reacting the obtained color-salts with primary or secondary aliphatic, araliphatic or, preferably non-aromatic heterocyclic amines preferably in the presence of oxidizing agents.

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discloses a method for the preparation of cationic dyes which are N,N'-alkylated in the imidazole radical, which comprises reacting compounds of



which have no sulfonic acid groups, wherein n is 1 or 2, if n = 1 a is the monovalent and if n = 2 the bivalent radical of an aromatic diazotizable amine or a tetradiazotizable amine, and B₁ and B₂ are hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, aralkyl and/or aryl or are members of a common non-aromatic ring, with alkylating agents.

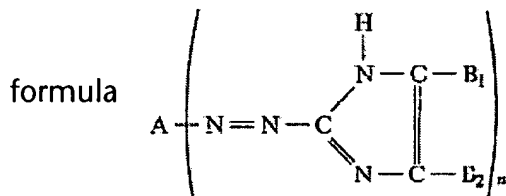
Chimia, 1961, 15(1), p. 163-168

discloses new methods for the preparation of diaza styryl dyes.

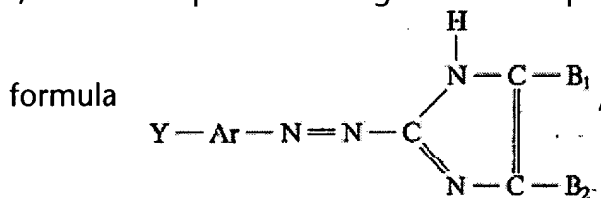
Disclosed are also diaza compounds of formulae X (p. 164) and XVII (Table 1 on p. 165).

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discloses a method for the preparation of cationic dyes of



wherein n is 1 or 2, A, if n = 1 is the monovalent and if n = 2 A is the bivalent radical of an aromatic diazotizable amine or a tetradiazotizable amine, and B₁ and B₂ are hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, aralkyl and/or aryl or are members of a common non-aromatic ring, which comprises treating an azo compound of



which have no sulfonic acid groups, and wherein B₁ and B₂ have the above defined meaning, Ar is an optionally substituted o- or p-aryl radical of benzene or naphthalene, and Y is a substituent which may be separated, with alkylating agents and reacting the obtained color-salts with primary or secondary amines or N-substituted acid amines.


Copies of the non-U.S. references (that do not have U.S. equivalents) and/or English language abstracts thereof are enclosed herewith.

The Examiner is requested to consider the foregoing information in relation to this application and indicate that each reference was considered by returning a copy of the initialed PTO 1449 forms.

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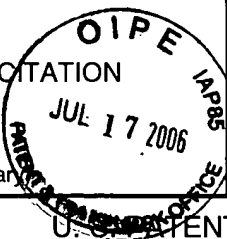

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	5,708,151	1/98	Möckli	534	608	
	4,294,756	10/81	Kühlthau	260	163	
	4,067,973	1/78	Budde et al.	424	226	
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	1 219 683	7/02	Europe				
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	1 137 816	10/62	Germany				
	1 098 642	2/61	Germany				
	885 046	12/61	Great Britain				

OTHER DOCUMENTS (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	English language abstract for EP 1 166 752 printed from esp@cenet.com on 7/13/06.
	Von H. Baumann et al., Chimia Vol. 15, pgs. 163-168 (1/1961).

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